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# H. R. 57

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 1997

Mr. FROST introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services

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## A BILL

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1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3        **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Improved Availability  
5        of Banking Services in Underserved Communities Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF LAW RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY**  
2 **OF MEMBERSHIP IN FEDERAL CREDIT**  
3 **UNIONS.**

4 Section 109 of the Federal Credit Union Act (12  
5 U.S.C. 1759) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “Federal credit union member-  
7 ship” and inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—Federal  
8 credit union membership”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
10 section:

11 “(b) **BANKING SERVICES FOR UNDERSERVED**  
12 **NEIGHBORHOODS.**—Notwithstanding any provision of  
13 subsection (a), any resident of any neighborhood or com-  
14 munity which the Board determines—

15 “(1) is a community which meets the require-  
16 ments of paragraph (3) and subparagraphs (A) and  
17 (B) of paragraph (4) of section 233(b) of the Bank  
18 Enterprise Act of 1991, and such additional require-  
19 ments as the Board may impose; and

20 “(2) is underserved by other depository institu-  
21 tions (as defined in section 19(b)(1)(A) of the Fed-  
22 eral Reserve Act),

23 may be elected to the membership of any Federal credit  
24 union which establishes and maintains a branch in such  
25 neighborhood or community.”.